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UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

At the convocation exercises of the University of Chicago on December 18th President Harper announced that Mr. John D. Rockefeller had made a further gift of \$1,500,000 to the institution. Of this sum \$1,000,000 is to be used as an endowment fund. The balance of the gift is to be used for general needs. Mr. Rockefeller suggests that \$100,000 be used for the construction of a university press building. Mr. Leon Mandel has given \$25,000 to the university in addition to his previous gifts.

It is said that Brown University has received gifts of \$25,000 and \$10,000 towards the second million dollars for the university endowment.

An anonymous friend of the University of Pennsylvania has given a fund for prizes in the School of Biology and in the department of interior decoration in the School of Architecture. The annual value of the prizes will be \$400 in the School of Biology and \$150 in the School of Architecture.

We are glad to learn that the validity of the will of the late Colonel Joseph M. Bennett, of Philadelphia, making a large bequest to the University of Pennsylvania has been sustained, the Court refusing to send the case for trial by jury.

At the annual meeting of trustees of the University of Illinois, at Champaign, the board decided to ask a total appropriation of \$900,000 from the Legislature, \$90,000 of which is to be used to build a new workshop in place of the one destroyed by fire; \$150,000 for the chemical building and \$100,000 for a women's dormitory. The remainder will be used for current expenses for the next two years, including \$15,000 a year for the library, and \$16,000 a year for the establishment of a School of Social and Political Science.

LORD STRATHCONA was installed as Lord Rector of Aberdeen University on December 18th. At the close of his address he announced that he would give £25,000, provided £50,000 more was raised within a year, to wipe out the debt of the university. Charles Mitchell, of Newcastle, has offered to subscribe £20,000.

HERR H. HUBER has bequeathed 50,000 fr.

to the Polytechnic Institute at Zurich to be used for scientific excursions.

THE Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Cornell University has awarded the contract for the use of the medical department on the campus at Ithaca. The building will cost \$125,000 and will be ready for use in the autumn of 1902.

At a stated meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, held December 4th, Dr. Edgar F. Smith, professor of chemistry, who has been acting vice-provost for some time, was elected vice-provost. Charles Hugh Shaw, Ph.D. (Penna., 1900), professor of biology in the Temple College, Philadelphia, was elected to an honorary fellowship in botany, in order that he may continue the research work in cytology which he had undertaken while pursuing his graduate work.

PRESIDENT BUTLER, of Colby University, has resigned and will accept a chair at the University of Chicago.

ATTENTION was called in the last issue of SCIENCE to the fact that Professor T. S. Townsend, of Trinity College, Dublin, and Cambridge University, had been appointed to the newly-established Wykeham professorship at Oxford. The abilities of Mr. Townsend are fully recognized, and it is expected that he will place the teaching of electricity on a satisfactory footing at Oxford, yet some dissatisfaction is expressed that an Oxford man should not have been elected. Oxford scientific men get professorships elsewhere, but to judge from the list of professors, they are without honor in their own country. This is thought to be a discouragement to science at Oxford. In the present case, however, the complainants can scarcely point to an Oxford electrician suitable for the post.

At a meeting of the Royal Institution on December 3d, it was announced that Dr. Allan Macfadyen had been elected Fullerian professor of physiology.

DR. JOSEF HORT has, owing to ill health, retired from his professorship in the Technical Institute at Karlsruhe.